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BIG SHARE FOR CAPT. WATTS' MEN

SCH. GLADYS AND NELLIE REPORTS WITH 84,000 POUNDS FRESH FISH.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie is at Boston today with a banner fare, consisting of 50,000 pounds of haddock, 30,000 pounds of cod, 3000 pounds of hake, 800 pounds of cusk and 1000 pounds of pollock.

Capt. Frank Watts and his crew struck his fishing to the eastward where several fine fares have been taken recently. As prices continue high, Capt. Watts and crew will realize a big sum as their share of the proceeds of the trip.

A total of 14 arrivals were at T dock this morning for the opening trade. Other large fares are sch. Morning Star, which arrived yesterday with 37,000 pounds and sch. Effie M. Prior with 59,000 pounds.

During the forenoon, schs. Mary Emerson and Winnifred of the shore market fleet arrived with small fares.

Boston Arrivals.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 50,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 3000 hake, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Morning Star, 36,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Effie M. Prior, 40,000 haddock, 19,000 cod.

Sch. Mildred Robinson, 20,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Washakie, 18,000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Yankee, 1000 hake.

Sch. Flavilla, 3000 haddock, 2000 hake.

Sch. Massasoit, 200 haddock, 500 cod, 200 hake.

Sch. Rose Standish, 2700 haddock, 200 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Manomet, 4500 haddock, 700 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Georgianna, 3000 haddock, 100 cod, 100 hake.

Sch. Alice, 4500 haddock, 400 cod, 400 hake.

Sch. W. H. Clements, 1000 cod.

Sch. Mary Emerson, 3000 cod.

Sch. Winnifred, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Haddock, \$3.85 to \$6.50 per cwt. market cod, \$4; large cod, \$6.50; hake, \$4.30 to \$6.30; pollock, \$4 to \$5.

LIGHTSHIP OFF HALIFAX.

It Will Be Moored This Winter off Sambro Outer Ledge.

Robert Goudie, an Old Countryman, late second engineer on the steamer A. W. Perry, has been appointed chief engineer on the lightship Halifax, which is to be moored during the winter months off Sambro Outer Ledge. His salary will be \$85 a month.

The lightship will not go out until the end of the week. She will replace the Sambro gas and whistling buoy at the Sambro outer bank. She is painted red and bears the word "Halifax" in big white letters on each side, also the No. 15 on each bow. She has an occulting electric light visible 13 miles. There is a diaphone fog alarm operated by compressed air. A submarine bell will strike the number 14 every 21 seconds.

T WHARF FLAGS HALF MAST.

Samuel Rice Had Been for 30 Years in Fishing Business.

All the flags at the stores on T wharf, Boston, were displayed at half mast yesterday, in respect to the memory of Samuel Rice, who died at his home in West Somerville, Saturday evening, after an extended illness.

The deceased was in the fishing business for 30 years, 18 of which have been on T wharf as member of the firm of F. E. Harding & Co. The funeral will take place from his late home, 56 Willow street, Somerville, this afternoon at 1.30 o'clock.

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RUN DOWN BY THIER VESSEL.

TWO OF THE CREW OF SCH. MANHASSETT HAD CLOSE CALL ON GEORGES.

Two of the crew of sch. Manhassett, Capt. Dexter Malone, had a narrow escape from drowning by being run down by their own craft while on Georges recently. They were Peter Caneau and John McDonald. Capt. Malone who was sailing about to pick up the members of his crew, off in their dories, got the sun in his eyes and ran down a dory in which were Caneau and McDonald. The dory was sliced through the middle as though by a steam saw. Both men dropped into the water and it was with great difficulty that they were rescued.

SALT MACKEREL SITUATION.

Not Much Doing in Foreign Stock at Present Time.

There is not much doing in foreign salt mackerel these days, says the Fishing Gazette. Dealers with large stocks are not worrying, however, for they say trade must pick up in a few weeks. Prices remain at the top figures of the last few weeks, and the only buyers are those who are obliged to fill pressing orders from the interior. Total shipments of Irish salt mackerel from Liverpool, England, to this country for the week ending Wednesday last amounted to 1540 barrels. Of this total Baltimore more took 730 barrels.

Shore salt mackerel is coming forward freely now and being taken care of easily by the dealers, says the Fishing Gazette. The demand just now is not pressing, and prices remain about as they have ruled for the past few weeks. The Magdalen Island catch appears to have been marketed, but no figures of what the catch amounted to are available yet. The quantity of the fish is very fine this year.

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Fulton Market Fish Notes.

The codfish crafts did some pretty good work during the past week, the total receipts between Tuesday and Friday being 30,090 fish, says the Fishing Gazette. Market cod at 4 cents to 5 cents and steak cod at 6 cents to 10 cents. The top price was reached on Thursday. Steak fish sold on Friday as low as 6 cents. Haddock brought 5 cents to 8 cents; hake, 4 cents to 6 cents, and pollock, 5 cents to 6 cents. Haddock was high in price during the latter part of the week, hake was cheapest toward the end of the week, while pollock quotations showed few variations.

Western green halibut was quoted at 14 cents to 16 cents.

Chesebro Brothers and L. W. Robbins & Son each had a carload of western white halibut this week.

Flounder Fishermen Safe.

The flounder dredgers, which got caught on the shoals near Hedge Fence, in last Saturday's gale, managed after a hard time to get into port near Cottage City. Several barely escaped being lost with their crews, and every man suffered from frost-bitten hands and face.

All the 20 boats reached Woods Hole early Sunday morning and later started out again for the fishing grounds.

Note in Tin of Mackerel.

Recently Mrs. Henry R. Buckley of Tokeneke, Conn., opened a tin of soused mackerel and inside of it found says the South Norwalk, Conn., Sentinel, this note: "Send postal to Miss Clarke, Aberdeen, Scotland." Mrs. Buckley wrote to Miss Clarke, and the other day received in reply a letter, post cards and a book containing magnificent scenes from Scotland. One showed Miss Clarke's home. The letter said the mackerel was packed in August, 1910.

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Is Loading for C. and T.

The steamer Scotsburn now at Ingonish, C. B., is loading a full cargo of salt cod for the Cunningham and Thompson company instead of the Gorton-Pew company as reported by a Nova Scotia exchange.

Fought With a Halibut.

Sailors on the sealing sch. Jessie on her last trip caught a halibut weighing over 400 pounds near Rose Harbor, Alaska. They were unable to get the monster fish aboard till they had towed to the beach and killed it.

Made a Quick Run.

Sch. Flora S. Nickerson of Boston, recently purchased for Belloram, N. F., parties, has arrived at her new home port. The craft was in command of Capt. William Cluett and had a splendid run, making the passage in 90 hours.

The Town Is a Fish Company.

Brewster owns a herring brook, and at the town meeting every year, following an old custom, a committee is elected by ballot to catch the fish and dispose of them. The proceeds are turned into the town treasury.

A Monster Clam.

The biggest clam ever seen on Cape Cod was discovered by Ralph Rogers, a fisherman of South Orleans. The bivalve was six and one-half inches long, five inches across and weighed one and three-quarters pounds.

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Dividend on Steam Trawlers.

An initial dividend of 3 per cent. on its preferred stock has been declared by the Bay State Fishing Co., of Boston, payable on January 1 to shareholders of record on December 20, 1911. The stock of this concern, the largest of the steam trawling companies, is closely held.

Sch. Madonna Sold.

Sch. Madonna, owned by Capt. John Chisholm of this city was sold yesterday to Halifax, N. S., parties. The Madonna is 115 tons gross, and 79 tons net and was built at Essex in 1892.

Creditors Will Meet.

An adjourned first meeting of the creditors of the Boston Fisheries Company will be held in Boston tomorrow.

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MORE MEN FOR SEATTLE.

SEATTLE IS EXPECTING 100 OF THEM NEXT SPRING FOR FISHING.

Extraordinary preparations are now making for the expansion of the fishing industry on Puget sound next season. A large number of new vessels are under construction, to take part both in the deep-water and the off-shore fisheries, and nearly 100 fishermen from Gloucester and Boston, says the Seattle "Post-Intelligencer," will be out here next spring to enter permanently upon the fishing business.

Up to this time the salmon fisheries have dwarfed all others, but from this time forward other fisheries, notably the halibut and cod, are likely to expand much faster than salmon fishing. Prior to the past two seasons the fish traps were the main reliance of the canners, although the gill-netters did a profitable business. For the past two years the boats used in the salmon fisheries have steadily grown in size and have gone further out in the strait after the fish.

Last season there were more fish taken from large boats out in the strait than were taken at the traps, reversing the old order of things. Where the flat-bottom Columbia river boat was the type in use formerly, last season saw large-sized power boats, carrying very much larger nets than in previous use—boats fit for any sea or any weather; boats, moreover which could be used in other fisheries after the salmon season was over.

The probabilities are strong that before many years are past the annual harvest from the seas off this northern Pacific coast will excel in magnitude anything the Atlantic fisheries have shown in recent years.

SCH. VANESSA STOCKED \$3081.

CAPT. BILLY FIRTH TAKES BIGGEST HADDOCK CHECK FROM EXCHANGE.

When sch. Vanessa of the T wharf fishing fleet finished weighing out her monster fresh fare Monday, Capt. William Firth took a check for \$3081, the largest check ever given at the Exchange for a haddock trip.

Several monster stocks have already been made the past few weeks during the scarcity of fish in the market, which have kept the prices way up, but Capt. Firth and his crew hold the record, and will, consequently, realize a fine share as the result of their good fishing and opportune arrival for market. Incidentally the stock is believed to be the largest, with one possible exception, ever made on a winter haddock trip.

MOTOR BOATS AND TRAWLERS.

U. S. Consul Tells of Big Fleet Japan Now Has.

United States Consul George N. West, writing from Kobe, Japan, on motor fishing boats in Japanese waters, notes there are about 600 such craft now used by the Japanese besides 41 trawlers. He says most of the boats as well as their fittings and gear are imported from England, while the boilers and engines are constructed in Japan. He expects to see the number of trawlers increased to 80 by next summer. He adds "There is always a large market for fish in this country, the Japanese being great fish eaters. The annual value of fish supplied by the Kobe fish market is given as \$1,500,000, while the fish supplied to Kyoto and neighborhood from the Kobe market is valued at \$750,000 United States currency. This does not include Osaka, a city of 1,250,000 inhabitants. All edible fish, such as codfish, tai, sea trout, sole, and many others, are selected for the market, while the non-edible varieties are used for fertilizer, after the oil is extracted.

PASSED DEAD BODIES.

Steamer at Lunenburg Passed Three Recently Near Sable Island.

The Norwegian steamer Beleka which arrived at Lunenburg, N. S., a week ago Tuesday, reports passing three bodies floating face down, about 10 miles off Sable Island, but it was too rough to pick them up.

New Brunswick's Fish Exports.

United States Consul Charles A. McCullough, writing from St. Stephen, N. B., of the trade of that Canadian province with the United States for 1910, says the export of fish to this country from the consular district he represents just about doubled. The figures are \$64,131 for 1910 and \$35,363 for 1909. The greatest increase was in herring, whose value in 1911 among the fish imported here from New Brunswick was \$41,078, against a value of \$15,689 during 1909. Other fish values were: Lobsters, \$9,515; salmon, \$3,489; codfish, \$1,674; all other, \$7,325. There was a decrease in the value of bloaters exported to this country in 1910, the figures for the two years being \$1,050 for 1910, against \$2,199 for 1909. No reason is given for this falling off.

May Yet Be Ratified.

Prof. E. S. Prince, of Canada's Marine and Fisheries Department, at Ottawa, Ont., this week spoke hopefully of the ratification by Congress of the international fisheries treaty regulating fishing in Canadian waters. Prof. Prince had been in consultation with Dr. Everman, of the International Fisheries Commission. Congress has refused to take the matter up, however, at present, and may not until late in the session.

New Scallop Beds Found.

Puzzled by the sudden appearance of a dozen miles of beds of scallops on the shores of Cape Cod, fishermen have asked the state fish commission to investigate. The experts will try to determine why the scallops this season are so much larger than formerly and whether or not they are of a new species, or of a variety which hitherto has inhabited only the deeper waters off the coast.

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High Price for Halibut.

According to the London, England, "Fish Trades Gazette," during the week before Christmas halibut was the least shown of any variety of fish in the Grimby market, and the average price paid for the same was a shilling a pound, but many prime medium size sold at five pounds each (about \$24 a fish).

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COMMITTEES WORK TOGETHER.

Strong Fight To Be Put Up Against Beam Trawling.

Boston, Portland and Provincetown Workers To Meet Here Friday.

Great interest is being awakened among owners of fishing crafts and skippers in the matter of securing legislation that will eradicate beam trawling from the fishing banks, and the marketing of their catches at United States ports.

The local committee, which is looking up the date and matter to be presented to the congressional committee in Washington held an enthusiastic meeting with the Boston committee yesterday, and talked over the situation in general.

Optimistic hopes are being held forth and every one is busy in the movement. The fact that the fishermen and skippers and vessel owners in Portland and Provincetown have promised their aid is very encouraging, while those from other ports will probably be heard from shortly. At Boston the sentiment was found of the most encouraging nature.

A meeting of the committees appointed in Boston, Portland and Provincetown will meet the local committee of the Master Mariners Association at the rooms of the latter in this city, Friday afternoon and further discuss and consider the matter.

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SWELL WELL CHRISTENED.

STRIKES BIG MARKET ON MAIDEN TRIP WITH 40,000 POUNDS HADDOCK.

Only two arrivals were at T wharf this morning, the steam otter trawlers Swell and Spray.

The Swell is in from her maiden trip and has about 40,000 pounds of haddock and 300 cod, while the Spray hauls for 45,000 pounds of haddock and about 1000 pounds of cod.

The only price quoted was on haddock, which sold for \$5.50 a hundred weight right through.

Boston Arrivals.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Str. Swell, 40,000 haddock, 300 cod.
Str. Spray, 45,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Haddock, \$5.

HOLLAND HERRING FISHERY.

Year 1911 Generally Considered a Bad One by Vessel Owners.

Yzermans & Co., reviewing from Vlaardingen the Holland herring fishing of 1911, find the year a bad one for shipowners and dealers generally. While the total catch of herring was enormous much of the fish were taken in July when the weather was tropical, and many thousands of barrels had to be thrown away, having been sun-cooked, or at least damaged by the hot atmosphere. After Nov. 1 bad weather at sea interfered with the fishing. Stock is estimated at about the same as in 1910. The figures for the year ending Dec. 21 were 650,000 barrels, against 758,000 in 1910, 755,000 in 1909 and 659,500 in 1908. The price the latter year, however, was \$1.13.00, while for 1911 it averaged \$1.18.25. In 1910 the average price was \$1.14.75.

HOWLING GALE.

Shore For Miles is Strawn With Fragments of Lobster Pots.

The weather at Yarmouth, N. S., the latter part of last week blew a howling gale, commencing Thursday morning, and causing great damage to telephone and electric wires. The bay shore from Digby Neck to Chebogue Point is strewn with fragments of thousands of lobster traps which will mean a severe loss to the lobster fishermen, probably amounting to thousands of dollars and will mean in some cases the profits of the whole season's work to reft.

Foochow Has Canned Fish Factory.

The city of Foochow, in China, imported fish and fish products to the value of \$201,393, against \$223,130 worth in 1909. The export of fish and

fish products for the same two years amounted to \$24,976, in 1910, and \$25,732, in 1909. The imports of seaweed in 1910 were valued at \$23,597, while in 1909 they amounted to \$28,134. Foochow's first canned fish factory was established in 1910 but no figures of its output are available just yet, writes U. S. Consul Samuel L. Gracey in a report to his government, just made public by the Bureau of Manufacturers, Department of Commerce and Labor.

Porto Rico Market.

Porto Rico's fish market was without change in prices on December 26, the date of the latest market letter at hand from S. Ramirez & Co. Codfish was quoted at from \$7.75 to \$8 per 100 pounds and pollock and haddock at \$5 to \$5.25. Recent arrivals were as follows: At San Juan, 55 tierces cod, 81 tierces pollock. At Ponce, 436 tierces, 55 drums, 100 boxes codfish, 100 tierces pollock and 85 tierces haddock. At other points, 47 tierces codfish, 35 tierces pollock and 40 barrels of herring.

How Much is "Plenty"?

There is now plenty of salt fish on the market, at least there is enough to satisfy all demands for the present says the Portland Press. Those in the provinces who have been holding for a rise in the market have begun to unload. They are still holding a good part of the immense stock they gathered together, but some of it has found its way into the market and has relieved the situation to a great extent.

To Take Out Frozen Herring.

Schs. Clintonia and Priscilla Smith which arrived from Newfoundland, a few days ago with frozen herring cargoes will not discharge here. The Clintonia sailed for Boston this morning and the Priscilla Smith for New York, where they will take out their fish.

Portland Fish Notes.

Owing to the very severe weather, very few of the local fishing fleet have been getting out of Portland lately. But one arrival was reported Monday. This was the Edmund F. Black which had 5000 pounds of mixed fish.

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SERIES OF BLIZZARDS.

Swept Over Newfoundland Past Week and Culminate in Hurricane.

An express train was blown from the rails with the exception of the engine, during a hurricane last night. The train was preceded by a snowplow and so was going slowly at the time and no one was hurt. The hurricane was the culmination of a series of blizzards which have been sweeping the island for the past week.

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NO ARRIVALS HERE TODAY

HEAVY HEAD WINDS HOLDING BACK FLEET TO EASTWARD.

Not an arrival from off shore has been reported in port during the last 24 hours, quiet reigning along the water front this morning.

The heavy blow kept the shore boats and gill netters in port yesterday, none daring to venture out. The only fresh fare is that of sch. Slade Gorton, which arrived yesterday and is being taken out at the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company's wharf at the Port.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Morning Star, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Elk, halibutting.

Sch. Clintonia, Boston.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, New York.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.75 per cwt. for large, \$4.25 for medium and \$3 for snappers.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.75, medium \$5, snappers \$3.

Salt "drift" codfish, large \$5.25, medium \$4.75.

Salt bank dory handline cod, \$5.25 per cwt. for large and \$4.75 for mediums.

Eastern halibut, codfish, large, \$5.50, medium, \$4.75.

Haddock, \$1.75.

Pollock, \$1.75.

Cusk, large, \$2.50, medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.87 1-2.

Eastern shack cod, \$4.75 for large and \$4.25 for mediums.

All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above price.

Fresh Fish.

Fresh mackerel, large, 31c.

Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.

Large cod, \$2.60 per cwt., medium, \$2.10 per cwt.

Peak and Western Bank fresh codfish, \$2.60 per cwt. for large and \$2.10 for mediums.

Cusk, large, \$1.80, medium, \$1.20.

Snapper cusk, 60c.

Hake, \$1.45.

Dressed pollock, 90c; round 80c.

Bank halibut, 17 1-2c per lb., for white and 13c for gray.

Fresh mackerel, large, 26 to 36 cts. each.

Bait Prices.

Frozen bluebacks, \$2.50 per cwt.

Frozen herring, \$2.50 per cwt.

Fresh herring, \$2.50 per bbl.

Salt shore herring, \$1 per bbl.

Frozen squid, \$2.50 per bbl.

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SUGAR CURED SHARK MEAT.

Will Soon Become a Great Fancy Table Delicacy.

Near Santa Monica, Cal., catching sharks for food is a business of which Chinese appear to have a monopoly. The shark after being skinned is cut in thin strips and placed on wire screens in the sun to dry. Layer upon layer is so placed and a liberal quantity of sugar is sprinkled between them. The heat of the sun sugar cures the meat, which is said to become very tender and of a rather pleasing flavor. The product is often called candied shark, and when it is cured successfully it commands a high price among the foreign population that inhabit the mining centres in the western states. Many Americans have found the meat so cured very appetizing, and it is predicted by some, says the San Francisco "Chronicle," it will soon become a fancy article of food throughout the entire world.

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Sold Her Fare Here.

Sch. Slade Gorton, which arrived from the Cape Shore yesterday forenoon with a fine fare of 75,000 pounds of fresh fish, did not market her fish in Boston, as was expected and sold here to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company.

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NEW FISH SHIPPING RULING NOW.

Duty Free When Transshipped on Other Craft or Railroad.

The free entry of fish into the United States will be materially facilitated by the amendatory regulations issued by the secretary of the treasury yesterday, which will affect principally Gloucester and all American crafts fishing in the waters of Newfoundland and Nova Scotia.

The new regulations provide that fish caught in foreign waters by Americans, or under their supervision, may be transferred from the vessel by which they were caught to another ship or to a railroad and imported into this country free.

Previously fish imported in a vessel other than the vessel by which the same were taken could not be entitled to free entry unless shown to the satisfaction of the collector of customs at the port of entry, by affidavits, or otherwise, that it was impracticable, for commercial reasons or because of accident, stress of weather, or otherwise, for such fishing vessel to bring the catch into port.

No notice of the new regulations have been received here as yet, but copies will probably be forwarded within a day or so.

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HAD GALE HEAVY.

SCH. EVELYN M. THOMPSON REACHED PORTLAND YESTERDAY WITH CREW EXHAUSTED.

Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson of the Boston fleet put into Portland yesterday afternoon after a hard battle with the wind and seas outside, having on board about 45,000 pounds of fresh fish, caught off the Nova Scotia coast.

Capt. Herbert Thompson was out about 14 days and when he headed her for Boston, the schooner ran into the first of the great storms of the last five days.

Tuesday, within 20 miles of Thatcher's island, the storm became terrific and Capt. Thompson was forced to head the craft out to sea. The men had to work day and night cutting ice and the schooner was frequently washed by the seas. They were too thankful when they made port to think of anything but a chance to eat and sleep.

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W. H. Glidden of Salem was in the Times office recently and told of a wonderful seine, the inventor of which had approached him in regard to promoting a company to put the seine on the market, but before doing so, Mr. Glidden was anxious to get the opinions of different captains and expert seiners in regard to it and he asks them to reply by letter or through the columns of this paper.

The seine has a motor attached and is worked by means of lines held in the hands of the man in the dory. For instance when the fish are sighted, the motor is started and the seine moves toward the fish at a rapid rate. When a safe distance from them, by pulling a line, it is made to dive to any depth wished and it still moves toward the fish. When under the fish, a line is pulled causing the seine to open up and pulling another line, the whole thing rises rapidly to the surface, where it is closed up and you have the fish, for if they try to dive they must go into the seine. Is it a winner or a loser?

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PEARL FISHERS USE X-RAY.

The pearl fishers on the coast of Ceylon find the X-ray of service. They no longer have to open every oyster to discover whether it contains pearls. They merely apply the X-ray and it can readily be seen whether the oyster is worth opening.